

**Gilbert Simpson to George Washington, July 1773,
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FROM MR. GILBERT SIMPSON.

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HONOERD SR I Receved your Letter of the 8 of Junly in which I Find you are much disturevd and I am Reyley Sorrey that you Should be so much uneasey at a thing of that kind before you know that you are a Loosing anything I Full well know I must bear all the blame and Sure I am to bear all the Loos tho verely Ill able to bear any for I know my Self to be a Great Looser in this present year and not only So but I verely beleve I am a Greatter by not Going to yor Land for Good by but what must becom of that house that devids against its Self for my wife never Let me fairly know her intencions unteel your Negro,s and other things Came to me and then I thoug[ht] it was best to gooe out and Settle In hoops She would Com in to another way of thinking but I the more I Strove to persuad the Further She Semd to be of and to Give a person so Nearly Connected as a wife is uneasenes perhaps all there days I Could not So I think my Self at this time to be in a fare uneaseye way than what you Can have any Right to be in For Sr I am Going [to] Let you know why I think you Can be at no los in the first plase you Furnish me with two hands as Sorrey as they Could well be for the fellow is a worthless hand and I beleive allways will be so Sum occasiond by his feet and Sum Natural in his boons¹ as for the Garl She knew nothing of work but I beleive She will make a fine hand after two or three years in the next plase I Saved you teen or twelve pounds by Settling on yor Land as I did for it was taxt as unCultavated Lands but Capt. Crawford told me that my Coming on the Land

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he would have the tax taken off in the Next plase there is a hansom Little Improvement made on your Land according to the time and hands For I Neve[r] Lit of harder work nor did more of it in the time than I did ther for I find the Clearing is as hard there as any where for tho the Grubing is Lit[t][e] the Cuting is vastly heavey occasiond by the Great Number of old trees Lying on the Earth tho I Got Six acers in Corn and under Good fens from the 6 of aprel unteel the 7 of may and the Ground well brook up and Cleard th two acres more and had my Corn all hild up before I Came away which was abot the first week in June which was a fort night Sooner than intended to Com in in but had I not a Com when I did I mus have Lost my horses by the Great Number of Flyes and no paster to keep them in and as I had a Good deel of harvisting at home I Could not a Stayd above a fort night Longer and as for the work Going on I am not the Least affrade for I Laid off anuf to bee don and am nowise affrade of its being don according to the Goodnes of the hands for I allwise found my fellow faithful to his trust and to do more when I was from him thn when I was present and as I Got a nye Neibur to Com onst a day to derect them I think there is but Little daynger of the work Going on by which meens Sr I think your Land 50 better this day than it was the first day I Set feet on it for to Consider the hardship of Going into the woods and haveing Every mouthfull of bread to buy and not noing wheare to buy it for Sum time Conciderable and no house to put ones head in Except an of old bark Cabbin of Nine feet SQuair in which I was forst to Remain for fifteen days and Nights occasiond by bad wether which had Like to have been my Last by Catching bad Colds unteel it flung me in to fevers but now the worst is over there is a Good Large Cabben of Eighteen feet SQuair and the inside hulld all down and in Good order to make a Qu[a]rter of or to take of ruff and to put a Shingeld on which was the in tent of it at first So to Concider all things I beleive Sr you will not find your Self at Such a Loos as you Complian of as for I am Certain that ther is not Such another plase to be found as yours is booth for the Goodness of the Land and the Convenans of the plase for I do beleive had I a been provided with Corn and oats and pastering that I Could have maid fifteen pounds this Spring by Travelers and a been at Little trouble So your plase is now in a fine begining way and I do verely beleive that you may See more profit in Seven years time by keeping Six hands and Stock on that

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plase with an overseer if he be a fathfull person than you would by twelve hands on any of your other Lands otherwise if you was to Rent it out I Look on it to [be] worth Six or Eight pounds a year from the Jump and your hands Could be brought baik and all your other affairs Could be Sold to a Great advantage So that I am Sorrey Sr Should Complain before you Consider the matter aright it is true you may be at a Loos to Get a proper person to undertake your buysness for you tho there is ma[n]y will offer of which this Letter Coms by one of the Name Richard Stogdon from the Nor[t]h and a utter Strainger to me by whos hands I hope you will Send me a Line or tow mor to Let me know whether you will bee at home at your august Cort or not for then I would Com down to alexandria I would have Com to you Long Sens but I have been Tormened with boyles insomch that I Could not Ride ever Sence I have been at home but Sr my advise to you is to Get an Overseer if you Give him Standing wag[e]s for depend it will bee more to your profit than to bee in partnership with any person for the profits ariseing from the plase must bee Great I would bee Glad to know whether you perpose to take any part or all my things or not So Sr I Remain your humble Srt GILBT SIMPSON

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